

A VISION OF THE AQUIDNECK ISLAND CORRIDOR IN THE YEAR 2020

The unique qualities of this corner of the State are protected and showcased contributing to the economic vitality of the Aquidneck Island Corridor. Innovative and stringent growth management techniques **protect open space** and scenic vistas of ocean and agricultural lands by confining **mixed-use development** to designated **Growth Centers**. Developed transportation linkages connect Aquidneck Island and Sakonnet River towns with tourist and cultural destinations through a variety of transportation alternatives including **expanded ferry service, increased bus schedules** and **improved bicycle and pedestrian friendly pathways**. Express routes, provided by **RIPTA**, accommodate both the year-round residents and seasonal commuters. **More Park n' Rides** are available providing safe linkages to other transportation modes.

Route 138 maintains its character as a local connector with very limited commercialized development. By utilizing **access management** to **reduce curb cuts** and increasing left-turn storage lanes, traffic flows more easily along Routes 114 and 138. Traffic on Route 138 is decreased in large part due to new **interior connections** between shopping centers. **New and/or improved east/west roads** connecting Routes 138 and 114 facilitate movement within the corridor. **Runoff is reduced** into Narragansett Bay through landscaping and parking lot construction designed specifically to increase surface porosity. **Route 114 is designated for freight and tour buses** allowing **Route 138 to maintain its more rural character**. Breakdown lanes for buses and motorist ease congestion and increase safety.

Route 24 provides alternative routing from 95 and serves Routes 81 and 77 as routes to beaches and local destinations including linkages to alternative transportation modes. These roads, in Tiverton and Little Compton, continue to provide access to the local villages while retaining their character and scenic beauty.

GOALS FOR AQUIDNECK ISLAND CORRIDOR

- ✓ Enhance pedestrian experience through **enforcement of speed limits** and traffic regulations, sidewalks and crosswalk improvements, and **linkages to transportation alternatives**.
- ✓ **Avoid sprawl and preserve open space in a regional context**. The Aquidneck Island Partnership and the three island communities will continue to work and develop strategies to create a sustainable future for this Corridor that encourages design at a local scale and preservation of unique character.
- ✓ **Maintain the scenic character** and charm along Route 138 that exists today and ease congestion on both Routes 114 and 138 through the creation of **interior connections** between shopping centers and **new and/or improved east/west roads** that provide alternative routes for local traffic and decrease highway overuse.
- ✓ **Improve auto movement on Routes 114 and 138** through the **reduction in curb cuts**, the **provision of left-turn storage lanes and breakdown lanes** by using **access management** to design and control traffic patterns thereby meeting the demands of year-round commuters, local traffic and seasonal tourists.

- ✓ **Expand bus and ferry schedules** to provide increased opportunities for alternative modes of transportation to Providence. Expand bus service within Aquidneck Island to reduce local reliance on auto transportation.